

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1083

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Wilma Sellers on her selection as 2010 Hawkins County Teacher of the Year for grades K-4.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Sellers is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Sellers has recently been selected 2010 Teacher of the Year for grades K-4 at Clinch School by Hawkins County Schools, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, along with other distinguished Hawkins County teachers, Ms. Sellers was recently honored at the Hawkins County School System's Teacher of the Year Banquet; and

WHEREAS, at the gathering, Hawkins County Schools feted teachers selected as Teacher of the Year at their respective schools, with winners also selected and announced for three divisions: kindergarten through fourth grade, fifth through eighth grade, and ninth through twelfth grade; and

WHEREAS, each school within the system selected its own recipient, after which a committee from the Central Office staff evaluated the school winners, following standards established by the Tennessee Department of Education, in order to determine the three division Teachers of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sellers holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education from Lincoln Memorial University and her Master of Arts in Teaching from East Tennessee State University (ETSU); and

WHEREAS, she began teaching business education courses at Clinch School in 1970, and after finding her niche in elementary education, she has focused her singular skills and expertise on teaching second and third grade students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sellers also dearly loves her students, and she has immersed herself in service to her students and others not only through classroom instruction, but also through her work with her church, Grassy Springs Church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sellers, an innovative and inspiring leader in education, is a member of many esteemed educational organizations, including the National Education Association (NEA), the Tennessee Education Association (TEA), and the Hawkins County Education Association (HCEA); and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she was honored when the 1977 Senior Class dedicated their yearbook to her; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Sellers has earned the respect and admiration of her community through her meritorious service and her dedication to her students while exuding a tireless enthusiasm and a willingness to try new and innovative methods in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, Wilma Sellers is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Sellers epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that that we honor and congratulate Wilma Sellers on her selection as 2010 Hawkins County Teacher of the Year for grades K-4 at Clinch School, commend her exceptional

service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.